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SUBJECT: TONGA ILBO AND SUPPORTERS ESCALATE ANTI-GOVT CAMPAIGN

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1. AS BOYCOTT OF TONGA ILBO BY MAJOR ADVERTISERS CONTINUES, CHURCH GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS BOTH IN KOREA AND ABROAD ARE BUYING SPACE TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR PAPER AND TO EXPRESS THEIR OPPOSITION TO ROKG. CRITICAL TENOR OF ADS IS SHARPLY ESCALATING TONGA'S OWN LINE ON ROKG VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND BASIC DEMOCRACY.

2. ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY WAS FULL PAGE AD BY NATIONAL CATHOLIC GROUP FOR REALIZATION OF JUSTICE ON JANUARY 4 WHICH FOR FIRST TIME PUBLICIZED IN A NEWSPAPER FULL TEXTS OF BISHOP CHI'S DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE, HIS LETTER FROM PRISON TO POPE, AS WELL AS TEXTS OF STATEMENTS BY CARDINAL KIM, VARIOUS PROCLAMATIONS BY GROUP ITSELF OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND PRAYERS FOR RESTORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND RELEASE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES PRISONERS BY BOTH

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CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT GROUPS. OTHER IMPORTANT

AD OF SUPPORT FOR TONGA AND FREEDOM OF PRESS WAS
PLACED BY BUDDHIST POET KO UN AND SIGNED BY 136 WRITERS
AND INTELLECTUALS. TONGA EDITION OF JANUARY 6 CARRIES
ADS OF SUPPORT FROM KOREAN RESIDENTS IN US, CHURCH
ORGANIZATIONS, AND CHON KWAN-YU FORMER CHIEF EDITORIAL
WRITER OF TONGA.

3. CATHOLIC BISHOPS ARE MEETING JAN 6 TO DISCUS
CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR TONGA AND ARE EXPECTED TO ISSUE
STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PAPER AND FREEDOM OF PRESS.

4. IN MEANTIME PAPER CONTINUES TO CARRY DETAILED NEWS
STORIES OF OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING
STATEMENT BY NDP CHAIRMAN KIM YONG-SAM ADVISING
PRESIDENT PARK TO AMEND DICTATORIAL CONSTITUTION AND
RESIGN IN 1975. PAPER ALSO REPORTED EWHA STUDENTS
COLLECTING W 113,000 FOR NEWSPAPER AND ARREST OF HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR SELLING TONGA IN STREET AND CARRYING
SIGNS ASKING FOR SUPPORT AND PATRONAGE OF PAPER.
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